

Indiana State Department of Health

Small Employer Certified Wellness Program Rule LSA #07-488

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Rule and Recommendations for Final Rule

Comment received from the Advisory Board organized to assist the ISDH with registering vendors and certifying small vendors:

The current rule language stating that vendors may submit application to become a registered vendor to certify small employer wellness programs should be removed from the language of the permanent rule associated with the Small Business Tax Credit legislation. After several months of registering vendors and certifying small employer wellness programs, it has become evident to the Advisory Board that the majority of the focus has been directed toward registering vendors versus certifying the small employers. We recommend that the rule language referencing vendors be removed to allow only the certification of small employer wellness programs. This will permit the focus of implementing the legislation to return to a benefit to encourage small businesses to offer wellness programs rather than the current situation that appears to have become the provision of a marketing/approval process for potential vendors.

ISDH Response: The agency agrees with this recommendation and has made the necessary changes to remove any reference to “vendors” in the rule regarding certification of small employer wellness programs.